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Winter Weather Preparedness Week Topic for Wednesday:

Winter Weather Terms...What to Listen For

SALT LAKE CITY- This week is Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Utah. Major winter storms affect the region every year. When a warning is issued, will you know what it means and how to respond? Now is the time to become familiar with the terms and definitions used by the National Weather Service.

Hazardous Weather Outlooks/Special Weather Statements

Hazardous Weather Outlooks/Special Weather Statements will be issued to alert the public of the potential for hazardous winter weather. When these products are issued, they will incorporate information on potentially hazardous weather out to seven days into the future.

Watches

Watches will be issued to inform the public of the possibility of events such as heavy snow, significant and damaging accumulations of freezing rain, heavy sleet, wind chill and high wind. Watches usually give 12 to 36 hours advance notice of the onset of an event.

Warnings

Warnings will be issued to inform the public of events that will pose a threat to life and property. Warnings will be issued for events that are occurring, imminent, or have a very high probability of occurrence.

Advisories

Advisories are issued for weather events that are hazardous but not severe enough to warrant a warning.

For specific watch, warning and advisory criteria within the National Weather Service Salt Lake City County Warning and Forecast Area, visit:

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/slc/wxsafety/WinterWX.htm>.

For criteria within the NWS Grand Junction County Warning and Forecast Area (extreme eastern Utah), visit: http://www.crh.noaa.gov/gjt/gjt_criteria.htm.

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